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For: OBJECT PROVIDED WITH PROTECTED INFORMATION AND METHOD FOR

PRODUCING SAID OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper accompanies documents submitted to initiate national stage processing of the above-identified international patent application.

The claims of the international application were amended during international preliminary examination and the amendments were annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report for the international application.

Before calculating the filing fee and before formal examination of the application on the merits, it is desired to amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

All amendments to the claims, including cancellation of any claims, are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the original disclosed and claimed subject matter. The amendments to the claims are not intended to limit the scope of the claims but to re-present the claims in a form more consistent with U.S. practice and procedure.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as annexed to the IPER in accordance with the following LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS, which indicates the status of all the claims in the application and all amendments to the claims. The list of claims is intended to show the status of all claims pending in the application, including any amendments thereto.